

Lakenheath sergeant dies after six-weeks in coma

A staff sergeant assigned to the 494th Fighter Squadron died at approximately 11 a.m. Monday at Wilford Hall Medical Center at Lackland AFB, Texas, after spending six weeks in a coma.

SSgt. Gregory Webster died from injuries sustained in a car accident Nov. 30, according to medical officials there. He'd been in a coma since the accident, which occurred on Highway B1106 between Methwold and Brandon, almost 13 miles north of Lakenheath.

The airman was transported to Wilford Hall Dec. 23 for medical attention after three weeks at Addenbrooke's Hospital, Cambridgeshire.

"Our hearts go out to Gregory's family as they cope with this tragedy," said Col. Doug Richardson, 48th Fighter Wing commander. "Our thoughts and prayers are with them."

Webster, a tactical electrical environmental journeyman, was driving alone in his vehicle toward Methwold at approximately 2 p.m. Nov. 30 on Highway B1106, when his car left the road and ran into trees, according to RAF Lakenheath safety officials.

A red Ford Escort is believed to have been traveling in the same direction at the time of the incident, according to Norfolk police. Anyone with information regarding the accident is asked to call P.C. 270 Barry Flatman, King's Lynn Traffic Base, at (01603) 768769.

W-2s to arrive soon

DENVER (AFNS) — Active-duty, Reserve and Guard airmen should receive their W-2 forms by the end of January, according to the Defense Finance and Accounting Service.

Treasury Department Forms W-2, Wage and Tax Statements, will be mailed to active-duty Air Force members by Jan. 27.

People who don't receive their W-2 by Jan. 31, or if the form seems incorrect, should contact their financial services office for a reissue.

The W-2s will be mailed to Air Force Reserve and Air National Guard members by Jan. 10. They, too, should contact their units if they do not receive their forms by Jan. 31, or if the W-2 appears incorrect.

Financial services offices can reissue W-2s after Feb. 3.

Phaseout date extension for olive-green field jacket

Effective immediately, the Jan. 1 phase-out date for the olive-green field jacket is extended to July 1, according to Air Force officials.

The extension was granted because Air Force supply stock of the camouflage field jacket may not support complete replacement of the olive-green field jacket at this time.

The single and double-breasted all-weather coat is an authorized outer garment for wear with the battle dress uniform.

For more information, call the military personnel flight customer service section at Ext. 1845.



Printing management phase out

The first moves are afoot to eliminate the printing management career field in the Air Force.

At the same time, the Air Force will transfer its printing, duplicating and copying work to the Defense Automated Printing Service.

No date has been set for the conversion of the Lakenheath facility.

The changes arise from a feasibility study that looked at remaining Department of Defense printing and duplicating facilities to see if they could shift to DAPS. The work consolidation does not affect intelligence activities.

The 65 remaining Air Force stateside and overseas printing and duplicating facilities, along with 38 civilians, will transfer to DAPS between now and the end of the second quarter of 1998.

Altogether, the consolidation will affect 147 civilian authorizations; however, DOD officials said "every effort will be made to reassign and avoid any adverse actions to those who remain."

Liberty Warrior

"Can do" person of the week



Photo by SrA. Gary Fowler

A1C Jennifer Wingate

48th Logistics Support Squadron

Hometown: Saint Albans, W.Va.

Time in service: One year, nine months

Time on station: One year, four months

Role in mission: I track and schedule maintenance and inspections for engine components for all three fighter squadrons and wing back shops.

Where do you see yourself in 10 years? I will have my degree and be an officer in a medical career field.

What do you like the most about Britain? Experiencing the different culture and being able to visit different areas of the United Kingdom.

What would you do to make things better at RAF Lakenheath? Develop a better bus schedule so that it's more convenient for split-shift and swing-shift workers.

What is your greatest achievement? Finding the most important person in my life, Michael Jovanovich.

Why did you join the Air Force? To better myself and pursue my education.

What do you like the best about the Air Force? Being able to travel around the world.

What are your plans for the new year? Doing everything I can to get an incentive ride.

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❑ People need at least 12 months retainability for a permanent change of station from Lakenheath. They need it by the 25th day of the eighth month prior to the month they are scheduled to leave Lakenheath. Without the retainability people's DEROS will automatically change to match their date of separation. (For information, call Ext. 3677)